

Application No.: 10/057,607

Docket No.: 22106-00039-US1

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are now in the application.

Claims 13 and 14 have been amended for purposes of clarity to present these claims in the more usual US format and not to restrict their scope.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8 and 10 have been amended by deleting the term "(more) preferably" and phrases associated thereunto for purposes of clarity and not to restrict their scope. Claim 1 has also been amended by deleting the term "type" for purposes of clarity and not to restrict its scope. Claim 1 has also been amended to recite "lactic" in place of "polylactic" for purposes of clarity and not to restrict its scope. Claim 3 has also been amended to recite "lactic" in place of "polylactic" for purposes of clarity and not to restrict its scope and to be consistent with claim 1.

Claim 2 has been amended by correction of the spelling of "film" for purposes of clarity and not to limit the scope. Claim 12 has been amended to recite "optionally" in place of "possibly" for purposes of clarity and not to limit its scope. Claims 8, 9 and 10 have been amended by correcting the spelling of "characterized" for purposes of clarity and not to restrict their scope.

New claims 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25 find support, for example, in amended claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9 and 10, respectively. The amendments to the claims and new claims do not introduce any new matter.

The rejection of claims 13 and 14 under 35 USC 101 has been overcome by the amendments to these claims.

The rejections of claims 1, 2, 4, 8, 10 and 12 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, have been overcome by the above amendments to these claims.

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In view of the above, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

In the event that the Examiner believes that an interview might serve to advance the prosecution of this application in any way, the undersigned attorney is available at the telephone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No.: 22-0185.

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